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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6044

BILL NUMBER: SB 88

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 15, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Jan 14, 2003

SUBJECT: Software for Candidate Reports.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Craycraft

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Kromkowski

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill requires the Election Division to notify each candidate's committee that the Election Division will provide at no cost a standardized software program to permit the committee to install the software on a computer and generate an electronic version of the reports and statements required to be filed with the Election Division.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Summary:* Under the bill, depending on the particular election cycle (Governor vs. non-Governor), the Election Division would see potential savings of approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000 per cycle (assuming that all candidates filed with the electronic system). The Division would be able to reduce expenditures for data entry support provided by outside vendors. The cost to produce cd-rom disks for candidates would be minimal and absorbable within the Division's current budget.

Background: During the 2000 election cycle, data entry expenditures attributable to campaign committee filings were \$130,000, where the majority of the expenditures were from candidate committee filings. The 2000 election cycle included four filings: the January 2000 and 2001 year-end, the April 2000 pre-primary, and the October 2000 general election reports.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected:

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